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SUBJ: SADAT COMMENTS ON SOVIET/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS

1. PRO-EGYPTIAN BEIRUT DAILY, AL ANWAR, PUBLISHED JAN 8 INTERVIEW WITH PRES SADAT IN WHICH EGYPTIAN LEADER EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH ASPECTS SOVIET/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS, INCLUDING ARMS DELIVERIES. IN CASE UNDATED INTERVIEW NOT ALSO CARRIED IN CAIRO PAPERS, FOLLOWING ARE SALIENT POINTS:

A) SADAT SAID FAHMI AND GAMASSY FOUND SOVIETS WILLING, DURING RECENT VISIT TO MOSCOW, TO PROVIDE ONLY "PART" OF EGYPTIAN ARMS REQUIREMENTS. REFUSING TO DISCUSS SPECIFICS, SADAT QUOTED AS STATING "THE QUANTITY OFFERED BY USSR) DOES NOT FULFILL COMPLETE REPLACEMENT (OF WEAPONS LOST IN OCT WAR) OR MEET DEVELOPMENT (OF ARMAMENTS SOPHISTICATION) IN PARTICULAR: OUR REQUEST FOR COMPLETE REPLACEMENT AND FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS HAS NOT BEEN MET." SADAT CONTRASTED

THIS SOVIET POLICY WITH MOSCOW'S ARMS DELIVERIES TO SYRIA AND DISMISSED ALLEGED SOVIET JUSTIFICATION (I.E., SUCH MASSIVE DELIVERIES COULD HEAT UP ME SITUATION) FOR LIMITING ARMS TO EGYPT.

B) SADAT SAID SECOND MAJOR TOPIC HE HAD WISHED DISCUSS WITH BREZHNEV WAS RESCHEDULING EGYPTIAN DEBT TO USSR. HE INDICATED CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT HAS NOT BEEN DELAYED BY POSTPONEMENT OF BREZHNEV VISIT.

C) SADAT DESCRIBED ALL ISSUES BETWEEN CAIRO AND MOSCOW AS CURRENTLY "FROZEN" BECAUSE OF BREZHNEV'S POSTPONEMENT. WHILE EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH REASONS FOR POSTPONEMENT, SADAT, AS EXAMPLE, MENTIONED SOVIET ECONOMIC DEL WHICH RECENTLY VISITED EGYPT TO CONSIDER ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND WHICH DEFERRED ALL RELATED DECISIONS TO ABORTED VISIT.

2. WE CAN POUCH FULL ARABIC TEXT TO CAIRO UPON REQUEST.
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